

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:20 p.m. at the Des Moines International Airport.

**Statement on the Flood and Fire
Disaster in Durunka, Egypt**

November 3, 1994

I am deeply saddened to learn of the disaster in the Egyptian town of Durunka, as well as storm damage in other parts of the country. Mrs. Clinton and I join all Americans in extending our condolences to the families of the victims of this tragedy.

We are grateful for the warm welcome offered to us by the Egyptian people during our recent visit. I have instructed the U.S. Agency for International Development to offer cooperation and assistance to Egyptian relief operations. The people of Egypt can be sure that their American friends will stand by them in coping with the aftermath of this terrible event.

**Proclamation 6753—National Family
Caregivers Week, 1994**

November 3, 1994

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

The number of Americans aged 65 or older is increasing steadily. In 1992, seniors represented 12.7 percent of the U.S. population—about one in every eight Americans. Americans are living longer, healthier lives than at any other time in our history, yet one-third of older people evaluate their health as only fair or poor. About 6.1 million senior citizens have disabilities that leave them in need of regular care and help with their daily tasks.

When someone we love becomes ill, has an accident, or needs assistance, we can all become caregivers at a moment's notice. Care is usually provided by family members, often wives, daughters, and daughters-in-law, who may sacrifice their own employment opportunities to bring joy and comfort into the lives of loved ones. Selflessly offering their

energy and love to those in need, family caregivers have earned our heartfelt gratitude and profound respect.

Caregivers understand how much we need and depend on one another. Indeed, Americans understand that our strength as a Nation has always flowed from the sturdy bonds of family. In recognition of this fact, we all must work harder to ensure that our Nation's caregivers receive the support and assistance they deserve.

The Congress, by Public Law 103-319, has designated November 20, 1994 through November 26, 1994, as "National Family Caregivers Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 20-26, 1994, as National Family Caregivers Week and call upon all government agencies and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

William J. Clinton

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**Remarks at a Reception for
Democratic Candidates
in Des Moines**

November 4, 1994

Boy, I like being here. When I got off the airplane today and I thanked the people at the airport rally for giving me a drier reception than I had the last time—[*Laughter*—I began to think about all the times I've been to Iowa and how every time I come away with a renewed energy, a renewed connection to the people of this country, a renewed sense of energy that I can make a difference